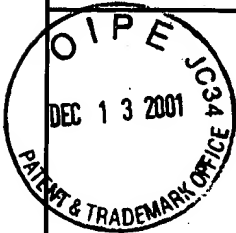


## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Docket Number  
854063.646

In re Application of Giovanni Di Bernardo et al.

Application Number 09/925,031

Filed August 8, 2001

For METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PROTECTING THE CONTENTS OF AN  
ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTGroup Art Unit  
2131

Examiner

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a  
Reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows  
(check time period desired):

- ☒ One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$110  
☐ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown  
above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

☐ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this  
application to a Deposit Account.

☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required  
to Deposit Account Number 19-1090.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency,  
or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 19-1090.

I am the ☐ applicant/inventor.

☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

☒ attorney or agent of record.

☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).

Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a). \_\_\_\_\_

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December 13, 2001

Date

Signature

E. Russell Tarleton

Typed or printed name

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required.  
Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below\*.

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